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The East German State Planning Commission has reduced 1953 planned investments for the East German metallurgical industry from 789 million DEM to 616 million DEM. Of the 616 million DEM, 589 million are to be allotted to main installations (Hauptanlagen) and 27 million to subsidiary installations (Nebenanlagen). The counter-proposal advanced by the Ministry was that investments not be cut to less than 623 million, but the State Planning Commission refused to agree to this.

The following are the effects of the reduction on individual branches and plants of the metallurgical industry:

- a. Iron ore mining - The cut in investments amounts to four million DEM.
- b. Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost - Plant investments have been cut by 52 million DEM, so that in the second half year of 1953 63 million DEM remain to be invested. This means that Furnace VI can be constructed but that the steel plant and the rolling mill will not be built.
- c. Eisenwerke West Calbe - Construction will be completed when the last of the ten low-shaft furnaces is finished. The sintering installation, the roasting installations, and the briquette factory will not be built.
- d. Stahlwerk Brandenburg - The investment program will be completed when the tenth furnace and the 850 mill train are constructed.
- e. Stahlwerk Groeditz - The 6000-ton press (due to be put into operation on 1 May 1954) and the heat treating installation (Vergueterei) will be completed.
- f. Stahlwerk Biesa - The saddle plate and reciprocal rolling mill (Stiefel- und Pilgerstrasse) will be finished.
- g. Guelstehilwerk Doehlen - Only the 700 coiling mill will be finished.
- h. Guelstehilwerk Girschhausen - The annealing installation is to be constructed.
- i. Maxhuetten Unterwellenborn - The direct extraction installation (Remanlage) is to be completed.

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- j. Walzwerk Pinow - Construction work on the warm band rolling mill will be slowed down.
- k. Mansfeld-Huetten-Combinaat - Work on the large sintering installation is to be halted.
- l. Sangerhausen - Money originally to be used for the flotation installation is to be invested in a sifting installation (Klaeuberanlage).
- m. VEB Feinzinkⁱ - Plans are to be worked out for a new project with a capacity of 10,000 tons per year.
- n. Nickelhuette St. Egidien - Only the experimental installation is to be completed.

- 1. [REDACTED] Comment: Probably located at Freiburg.

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